

Senate Resolution 1188

By: Senators James of the 35th, Fort of the 39th, Orrock of the 36th, Brown of the 26th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Tyler Perry for his amazing professional talent and his
2 incredible humanitarian efforts; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, born Emmitt Perry, Jr., on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana, Mr.
4 Tyler Perry has forged his own way in the entertainment industry, building an empire that
5 consists of successful films, plays, and a best-selling book; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry rose to overcome a childhood of physical abuse and poverty to
7 become one of the nation's most successful and creative African American writers and
8 directors of his time; and

9 WHEREAS, this talented writer, actor, producer, and director's career began in 1992 when
10 he debuted his first musical, *I know I've Been Changed*; and

11 WHEREAS, he created the famous Madea character, the gun-toting, sharp-tongued grandma,
12 in his 2000 play *I Can Do Bad All by Myself*, and she went on to appear in many other
13 successful plays and films; and

14 WHEREAS, throughout his impressive career, Mr. Perry has uplifted the lives of countless
15 Georgians through his inspirational plays, movies, and television shows; and

16 WHEREAS, in June of 2006 he bought the former Atlanta Stage Works warehouse to house
17 Tyler Perry Studios, the first independent movie studio of its size in Georgia, which he owns
18 outright and which has created thousands of jobs in Senate District 35; and

19 WHEREAS, a spiritual and generous soul, Mr. Perry is building a new mega church adjacent
20 to his studios in the Greenbriar area of Southwest Atlanta and has demonstrated a great
21 humanitarian spirit, helping in Haitian earthquake relief efforts and making generous
22 donations to the Atlanta Food Bank; and

23 WHEREAS, this talented actor, comedian, author, playwright, entrepreneur, and citizen of
24 Georgia deserves much praise and recognition for following his dreams and for all of his
25 many accomplishments.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
27 recognize Mr. Tyler Perry for his outstanding talent and many accomplishments, express
28 their gratitude for his contributions to Atlanta and the State of Georgia, and extend their
29 sincerest best wishes for continued success.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Tyler Perry.